

ARTICLES TO BE ENQUIRED

OF WITHIN THE DIOCESSE

and Iurisdiction of *Peterborough*: at the

Visitation of the Reverend Father in God,

THOMAS,

By the permission of God Bishop of Peter-
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The Tenor of the Oath to be mini-
stred to the Churchwardens and
Sworne-men.




You shall sweare, That all affection, favour,
hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare
of displeasure or malice set aside, you shall
vpon due consideration of the Articles
giuen you in charge, present all and every such person of
or within your Parish, as hath committed any offence
mentioned in these, or any of these Articles, or which are
vehemently suspected, and defamed of any such offence:
Wherein you shall discharge your consciences vprightly,
and according to truth, neither of malice presenting any
contrary to truth; nor of corrupt affection sparing to pre-
sent any, and so conceale the truth: having in this action
God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine
truth, and to suppressse vice: So helpe you God, and the
Contents of his holy Gospell.



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And presentment to be made thereof by the
Churchwardens and Side-men for that purpose lawfully
appointed, in Visitations, Synods or elsewhere, within
the Iurisdiction aforesaid, at any other time and place,
when occasion shall be offered. With particular
answer to everie Article.

1  Hether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate;
bee lawfully licensed in writing to
preach, and doth preach every Sun-
day according to the Law in that be-
halfe?

2 Whether he doth reverently say
or read the whole Divine publike Ser-
vice, every Sunday and Holiday, and
administer the holy Sacraments according to the Booke of
Common Prayer, without any alteration or omission of any
part thereof?

3 Whether doth he at every time, that he doth celebrate
Divine publike Service, and in the administration of the holy
Sacraments wear the Surplice (and also a Hood answerable
to his degree, if he be a Graduate) and vse and observe other
the Rites and Ceremonies, appointed by the Lawes now in
force, and particularly the Crosse in Baptisme, the Ring in
Marriage; and to administer the holy Communion to himselfe

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kneeling, and to those onely that kneele at the time of the receiving thereof?

4 Whether you haue a comely Pulpit well placed within your Church, a decent Table on a frame for the holy Communion, with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and some Carpet or Covering of Silke, or such like, for the cleane keeping thereof, a faire comely Communion Cup and Cover of Silver for the same, and a decent large Surplice with sleeues, one Booke of the whole Bible in the largest Volume in English, a Communion Booke, *Erasmus* Paraphrase, Bishop *lexells* workes. the two Tomes of Homilies, the Booke of Canons, the Booke called *God and the King*, a poore mans Boxe, a Chest with threelockes, and all other things necessary and appointed to be had by lawfull authoritie?

5 Whether haue you had monethly Sermons at the least, in your Parish Church, if your Minister bee no Preacher licensed; and weekly if he be a licensed Preacher? And whether are the Homilies read when there is no Sermon?

6 Whether is your Parson or Vicar knowne, or by common fame noted, to haue come to his Benefice by Simonie, or to follow Lay & Secular trades and courses, or doth neglect or leaue his calling of the Ministry, or the due performance thereof?

7 Whether any person, not beeing Deacon, is suffered to say Divine Service in your Church, or to administer the holy Sacraments, or to marrie any persons, or to burie the dead? And whether doth any take vpon them to preach, or to serue the Cure with you, that doth not once in the yeare at the least celebrate Divine publike Service himselfe in the Church, and administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, according to the forme of the Booke of Common Prayer?

8 Whether your Lecturer, or Preacher, or your Parson or Vicar, though he haue a Curate, yet doth he himselfe twice in each yeare, on two severall Sundayes, both before Noone and after Noone, celebrate Divine Publike Service; and as often each yeare administer the holy Sacraments of Baptisme, and the Lords Supper?

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9 Whether your Parson or Vicar be continually resident vpon his Benefice? And whether hee hath any more Benefices or Cures then one? And if he haue, whether then doth he keepe such a Curate as is a preaching Minister, and lawfully licensed, vpon, and at that Benefice, where himselfe your said Parson or Vicar doth not dwell, reside, or continue?

10 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate haue publickly or otherwise, spoken against the Order or Government of the Church of *England*, or the Book of Common Praier established by Law?

11 Whether your Minister doth vse to pray for the Kings most excellent Majestie, by the same stile and title due to his Majestie, and doth vse at or before his Sermon the same forme of Prayer that is set downe in the 55. Canon.

12 Whether your Minister doth openly in the Church catechize such as be of convenient age; according to the Order set forth in the Booke of common Prayer, by the space of halfe an houre before Evening Prayer every Sunday and Holiday? And who be negligent in comming to be catechized? And hath your said Minister in all and every his after Noon Sermons, expounded the severall points and heads of the Catechisme, and taken his Text out of the Creed, Ten Commandements, or the Lords Prayer, and not otherwise: and in all other his Sermons observed his Majesties directions lately sent out concerning Preaching or Preachers?

13 Whether hath your Minister refused or delayed to christen any childe or children within your Parish, which haue died after vnbaptized, or do refuse or delay to bury any dead corps?

14 Whether all persons aboue sixteen yeares of age doe re-
paire to the Church vpon Sundaies and holidiaies? And whether haue any absented themselues from Church, or from Divine publike Service there celebrated, contrary to the Law, and how many several times within the last yeare, and who hath so done? And haue any omitted to receiue the holy Communion thrice at the least every yeare; whereof once to be at Easter, and that kneeling reverently, as by Law they are bound, and who they

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are that doe not so receiue kneeling, or not thrice in each yeare?

15 Do you know any that haue sold, lost, or suffered to decay, or made away any of the Bels, Clocke, Chimes, or other goods belonging to the Church: or doe withhold any of the Church-stock or goods: and whether any lands, goods, or chatels belonging to the Church, be not vsed and employed as by law they ought to be?

16 Doe you know any common swearer, drunkard, or blasphemers; any Simoniacall person, or any Broker or Mediator in or for Simonic; any Vsurer, Witch, Conjuror, Southsayer, Charmer inquirable by Ecclesiasticall Lawes; any Fornicator, Adulterer, incestuous person; or any that harboured incontinent persons, and caused or suffered them to depart without doing penance, or any vehemently suspected, or by common fame noted or infamed of any such crimes?

17 Whether doe any practise Physicke or Chyrurgerie, or doth any Schoolemaster teach either openly or privately in any Schoole, Gentlemans house, or otherwise? Or any Curate serue the Cure within your Parish, without licencie of his Ordinary vnder his authentique seale or no?

18 Whether doe you know any that obstinately defend heresies, schismes, or false doctrines?

19 Whether know you any person excommunicated in your Parish? Doth your Minister denounce him, and all other excommunicated persons every Sunday in your parish Church or Chappel? And whether doth any such excommunicated person repaire to the Church to heare Divine Service or Sermons? And whether any in your parish doe keepe company with, or set on worke any such excommunicated person, and what be their names that doe so?

20 Whether your Church or Chancell, or the Steeple, Bels, Seates, Leads, Pauements, Glasse-windowes, Roofe, or Walles of the same, or the Parsonage or Vicaridge-houses be ruinous or decayed, and by whose default? And whether is your church-yard cleanly kept, and the walles and Mounds of your Church-yard, in good and sufficient repaire?

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21 Doe you know of any that vse conventicles, or meetings for expounding of Scriptures, or saying of Prayers in private houses or places?

22 Whether you know in your parish any receivers of Iesuites, Seminary or Massing-priests, and what be the names and surnames of all Recusants, or halfe Recusants, that come not to Church to heare Divine Service; or if they doe, that yet do not receiue the holy Communion as by Law they ought?

23 Whether you know any person within your parish ordered by Law to do penance, or excommunicate for not doing the same, that hath omitted or escaped from doing the same; or that having done penance, doth still continue in, or againe commit his former sinne in the like?

24 Whether you haue any in your parish married within the degrees of consanguinitie, or affinitie forbidden by the law, or haue beene married without the publike asking of Banes thrice there, or being contracted doe liue suspiciously without marriage?

25 Whether haue any quarrelled, brawled, fought, or vsed violence in your Church or Churchyard; or haue kept open their shop-windowes or doores; or sold or bought any wares vpon the Sabbath day, or holy daies in the time of Divine Service, or haue received any into their house to eate, drinke, or play in the time of Sermon or Divine service; or haue administred vpon the goods of the dead, without authoritie from the Ordinary; or that detain any Legacies giuen to the poore, or to godly vses?

26 Whether the Register book of Marriages, Christenings, and Burials within your Parish be made of parchment, and be kept, and read, and also subscribed every Sabbath day; and other things concerning the same be observed, according to the late Canons made and established by authority in that behalfe?

27 Whether in the Rogation weeke, the perambulation in your parish hath beene gone every yeare, as by Law it ought; or by whose default it hath not?

28 Whether any in your parish haue covered his head in
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time of Divine service, contrary to the 18. Canon; any that do not kneele at the saying of the generall confession, Letanie, Ten Commandements, and other prayers read in your said Church: any that doe not stand vp at the saying the Beliefe, or not bow and vse reverence, when in the time of Divine Service the name of *Iesus* is read or mentioned?

29 Whether any come late or negligently to Church to publike prayers, or depart before divine service or Sermon is ended?

30 Whether the fift of November be observed, according as is ordained in that behalfe?

31 Whether there be any married woman delivered of child that hath not been churched, or made publike thanksgiving according to law?

32 Whether any that be contracted in marriage do deferre the solemnization thereof; or any being married that doe liue apart, or not together, as by law they ought?

33 Whether haue your old Churchwardens, or any before them, omitted to make a true and perfect account to the parish of their said Office? Haue they concealed or omitted any offences presentable, and punishable by the Ecclesiasticall Lawes, or the common fame of them? Haue you a booke wherein the names of all strange Preachers that preach in your parish are registred or written? And is it kept, and vsed, and subscribed according to Law in that behalfe?

34 Haue any Trees been felled, or cut down in your church-yard, and by whom?

35 Are the ten Commandements set vp in the East ende of your Church, and other chosen sentences of Scripture, and none other written vpon the walls of the Church or Chancell in convenient places: And the Table of the degrees of marriage prohibited set forth 1562.

36 Hath your Minister read over the Book of Canons publikely in your Church once every yeare vpon some Sundayes or Holidiaes in the after Noone, before Divine Service, in such manner as the same is commanded by his Majestie to be done?

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37 Is there a sufficient Terrear of all the Glebe land belonging to your Parsonage or Vicarage, and exhibited into the Registers Office, as by Law it ought?

38 Doth your Minister weare any cut or pinckt apparell? doth he in publike goe in his Doublet and Hose without a coat or Cassocke? doth he weare any light-coloured stockings, or any Coife or wrought Night-cap? Doth he vsually weare a Gowne with a standing Collar, or Cloake with sleeues, commonly called a Priests-cloake, without any Gards, Welts, Long-buttons, or Cuts, according to the 74. Canon?

39 Doth any in your parish refuse to pay to the Clarke or Sexton, such wages or dues as haue been to them accustomedly paid?

40 Whether haue any vnreverently vsed your Minister, or laid violent hands vpon him, or disgraced his Office or Calling by word or deede?

41 Haue any abused the Churchwardens, or Sidesmen of your Parish, or giuen them ill words for doing their office according to their oath and dutie?

42 Whether doe you know any other matter worthy of presentment aboue not expressed, the reformation whereof belongeth to the Ecclesiasticall Court, which you shall likewise present by vertue of your oathes, with the Names and Surnames of all such as haue in them, or any of them offended, or by common fame so thought to haue offended?

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